

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

September 27

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM


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The Dead Drift - September 2022

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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Dr. Bob Alston and I meet at the Puerto Vallarta in August for the purpose of determining if my cell phone could be used as a 'Hot Spot' and be strong enough to power my lap top computer to conduct a Zoom presentation. Earlier this year I purchased a new phone and when I asked Verizon about Hot Spot usage I decided to expand the coverage so we never have to worry about using too much data. Anyway, Bob and I had a good lunch and then we wanted to try the Zoom system.

Great News!!! The management at the Puerto Vallarta have a really nice huge screen TV that I can now plug my computer into and the Zoom presentation will show up on that TV. In the past we could not do that. Bob and I tried it and it worked really good. So, no more audio speakers needed, nor the power point projector. It will all be on the wall mounted TV that is on the right as you walk into the room.

Bob is our program coordinator and this allows him to seek out speakers from all over North America or anywhere actually, with the only limitation being the difference in our time zones.

I spent a good day at the WA State Council Fly Casting Fair. The main emphasis of this event was casting but we also had a very select group of fly tyers working their magic. Virtually all of the casting classes were filled, from beginning to advanced. Plus there was pre-test 'testing' for a few casters that are going for their casting certification. I worked the membership table and we had a number of new people sign up to the FFI. I offered a free dozen trout flies in a FFI fly cup to those who signed for one year and if they signed for three years they all had a choice of either three dozen trout flies in three FFI fly cups or two dozen steelhead flies in a water proof fly box. Almost half of the people went for the three year offer. Plus, each person got either one or three chances to win an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit and one lucky person from Seattle was the winner.

Peter Maunsell worked the merchandise table and we sold a number of books, hats, T-shirts and such.

After the event Peter and I went to a local pub and had some cool ones. We were joined by Steve Jones and Carol Anderson (WSC Board of Directors) and we had a very good dinner and a relaxing time. Now we start planning for 2023.

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry

VIRTUAL EXPO 2022

NOVEMBER 4-6

Virtual Expo Activities

Some great activities are planned for the FFI Virtual Expo. As information becomes available we'll post it to this page. Come back often to check for information.

Workshops, Seminars & Demonstrations

FFI has some of the best instructors in the world. They are coming to you online to provide some great learning opportunities through seminars and workshops. Topics covered include:

Casting
Tying
Fly Fishing Skills
Conservation & More

Auctions, Raffles & More

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Bid on an item of your choice, and bid high! Remember it's for preserving the legacy of fly fishing for all fish, all waters.

Be a Sponsor or Exhibitor

All sponsors will be given an exhibitor space at the Expo, plus additional benefits at each level.

Gold - \$3000 - 1 available
Silver - \$1500 - 2 available
Bronze - \$500 - 7 available
Exhibitor - \$100 - unlimited available



FFI Virtual Expo

Event Date: November 04, 2022, 9:00 AM - November 06, 2022, 5:00 PM Export event

FFI Virtual Expo has been scheduled. Details will be posted as available, but please mark your calendar.

Christmas Gift Drawing

I mentioned in the May newsletter that this coming December, at our Christmas meeting, I will be holding a special drawing. Each time a member attends a meeting this year, they will get one entry into the drawing. So far we have had two meetings so some club members already have two entries for the drawing. First place will be an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit, a 9'6", 6wt, 4pc, with reel and line. I will also have second and third place winners as well.

Just for clarification, if Nature doesn't treat us well and we have to go back to not having in-person meetings, but rather having Zoom meetings, those who attend the Zoom meetings will each get one credit per meeting towards this drawing.

Fly Fishing International

Fly of the Month

September 2008

Blood Worm - Var

By Bob Bates



Undoubtedly you have seen many versions of the San Juan Worm, but this version has some advantages. Steven Jackson, Kenmore, WA tied this and several other patterns at the 2008 North West Fly Tyers Expo in Albany, Oregon. Fish at Pay-To-Play lakes where Stephan hosts anglers have seen every variation of San Juan Worms or Bionic Worms. Since this pattern is a little bit different the fish accept it with aggression.

The weight of all the beads makes it sink faster than other versions. It is usually suspended 6 inches off the bottom using a strike indicator. If you strip it or pop it the Vernille will wiggle a little, but it doesn't fold back against the body like a regular Vernille pattern. I know the fish don't seem to mind the folded Vernille, but it doesn't look pretty.

Stephen got his beads from Joe Warren who wrote book on using glass beads. These beads are uniform in diameter and hole size. Differences in hole size with some cheap beads make threading the Vernille difficult.

Materials list:

Body: Vernille, mini (1 mm), red

Beads: Glass seed beads, Frosted red

Hook: Daiichi X point 120, 10 & 12

Thread: 8/0 red

Tying steps:

1. The materials list is in a different order than most instructions because the first step is to string the beads on the Vernille or Ultra chenille. Cut off a 3- or 4-inch piece of Vernille. It is possible to use a 3-inch piece, but tying the required overhand knots is easier with a 4-inch piece. Tie a tight overhand knot near one end.. At the other end, melt about 1/4-inch of the Vernille so you have only the thin thread core. Don't hold the flame too close or you will have a fire in your hands. Steven didn't say he was counting the beads, but he has tied so many of this pattern that he knows when he has enough. For stubby fingers pick up each bead with hackle pliers, and thread the Vernille through it. Tie an overhand knot in the Vernille. Leave a little space to tie the Vernille and beads onto the hook. Root beer colored beads are sometimes added to simulate the hump on some worms.
2. Wind a thread base on the hook. He makes sure at least half of the shank is covered to satisfy Washington State regulations, which define a fly as "A lure on which thread, feathers, hackle, or yarn cover a minimum of half of the shank of the hook." WDFW 2007/2008 Sport Fishing Rules. Can whip finish and cut thread.
3. If necessary put glass beads on shank to fill in the gap in the Vernille/bead body. Wind a thread cone behind the beads so they don't slide back too far and whip finish. Reattach thread in front of beads on hook, and build a little thread cone.
4. Start tying down the Vernille/bead body. In this case put a couple of thread wraps at the front of the beads. Loosely move the thread over the first bead, and put a couple winds of thread between the first and second beads. Repeat the process putting a couple of thread winds between the second and third beads. Move behind the last bead, and repeat the process moving forward. The Vernille/bead body will wiggle and move if not too tight.
5. Trim excess Vernille in front and sneak a whip finish over the beads. Put a drop of head cement on the whip finish.

Closing comments: This pattern is better than the original San Juan Worm or Red Worm. Fish haven't seen as many copies of this one, so they will think that is something to eat. Tight lines.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World - "Henry David Thoreau"

Spinning Wheels and Simplicity

Bicycle, I bet that one word brought back memories! A first bike was a game changer, after a trial period we were allowed to roam further from home on our own. That was an exhilarating experience, trepidation and joy all mixed up together. For me it was sweaty palms and a rapid heartbeat feeling, I was out in the world on my own, Whoop wee! A green and white Evans bicycle showed up on a Christmas morning, once all the presents were unwrapped and breakfast finished, I took it for our first spin, I had those training wheels smoking. The ride did not last long as I had to get ready to go to Grandma Keller's house for Christmas dinner. But I was hooked by those spinning wheels, and while that love affair has waxed and waned. I still ride, in fact I own three bicycles, and I maintain a stable of seven more.

Most likely at this point in the story, you're probably wondering, what has this got to do with fishing? Thoreau said it best "Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after". On my last fishing trip, while setting around the campfire with Darren and Colin, I asked if they were interested in going on a bike ride when we got back home, and when I threw in a trip to Walley's a local drive-in burger joint, they were in. During breaks and our lunch stop I started sharing bike history and my bike stories. The bike trail ended on the bank of the White River, and we started talking about fishing, so I think you get my drift, in my life bike riding and fishing are intertwined and that's when I got the inspiration for this month's article.

I blew the training wheels off that Evans bicycle in a New York Minute. After proving myself responsible enough I was soon allowed out on Armstrong to make my way to school. My first brush with danger was when our water pressure tank exploded, rocketing through the second floor and halfway through the roof, just after I pulled my bike from beside the tank and left the garage. Explosions and flooding before I even made it to eighth grade. My rides to and from school and my weekend and summer excursions to Fancher creek, to poke in the creek bottom and explore gave me added confidence, so when the YMCA offered a bicycle trip to Avocado Lake when I was twelve, I signed up. My youthful enthusiasm was tested, it was just under 50 miles round trip. My legs were certainly wobbly by the time we got back to the YMCA. Thank God it was flat, that old heavy single speed did its job, but I was one whipped puppy, that's for sure, and not good for much for the next two or three days. That Evans took me on my first shopping trip, with money from my first summer job, burning a hole in my pocket. I headed into Fresno to buy gifts for Mom, Dad, and my sisters. Heady stuff.

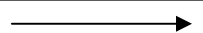
The Evan disappeared after I left home in 1968. I replaced it with a Triumph Motorcycle, that became my two wheeled steed. I crossed Donner Summit in a winter storm to visit Cheri my girlfriend at the time. It was so damn cold I burnt through four layers of clothing on my leg without even knowing how tight I hugged that motor bike. Ah young love!! In the mid-seventies, while living in Tucson Arizona, Terry and I purchased two Motobecane 10 speed road bikes. My infatuation was reborn. The little boy in me knew, what I needed. The Motobecane's, lasted until 1981 when I upgraded to a light-weight chromoly steel Nishki 18 speed. My son Cy and I shared many adventures as we commuted on Highway 1, to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California, from Morro Bay. Our daily round trip was 34 miles. Our commute route took us through what some, refer to as the middle kingdom. From Morro Rock and the PG&E stacks the route follows the mountain bases of the Seven Sisters. The cores of ancient Volcanoes, of which Morro Rock is the last visible remnant



of a fiery past. There is a further peak beyond Moor Rock, but its head, does not peek above the Pacific's surface. The middle kingdom is made up of creek bottoms rolling hills and draws. In the summer the grass turns burnished gold and gleams in the sun, it sings a beautiful song when the wind blows. Yes, the wind blows through this draw in the coastal mountain range, offshore in the morning and onshore in the afternoon and evening, as the Pacific tries mightily to moderate the high temperatures of California's central valley. The land is diverse in its agricultural productions, from Avocado's to snow peas and cattle grazing. The Seven Sisters tops are covered with rock and scrubby oaks, their dark gray green tops in stark contrast to its lower covering of golden sun kissed grass.

Just before you reach Cal Poly there is a long hill to climb, before dropping into San Luis Obispo. The hill starts at the California Men's Colony, and for us it ended at a concealed trail through the trees and brush that led through the dairy section of the college. This hill features conspicuously in my and Cy's commute stories. Let me digress at his point in the story and give you some background.

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Cy was 2, 3, and 4 years old, active, intelligent, and inquisitive. At the beginning he rode in a bike seat, but I soon realized that was not safe or convenient for either of us. To see around me Cy would have to lean over to look, which he did constantly, that constant shifting of his weight, right and left, required me to shift to compensate. While gravity is great at keeping my wheels in contact with the road, it not so helpful in keeping one upright with a shifting son in the back seat trying to see what's going on. I bought a trailer. I also rode with cleats not the modern clip in cleats but the cages and straps that were common at that time. Remember, hill, cleats, and an inquisitive son they will explain a lot in the following stories. From the trailer Cy had a great view of the surroundings, his eagle eyes, missed little. We stopped to pick up or investigate his sightings. We picked up multiple items in our daily journey. One time it was poker chips, their red, white, and blue colors drew his gaze, and at his urging we stopped to harvest them. The two of us down on our hands and knees in the tall grass, on the side of Highway one, as cars and trucks whooshed past gathering up a plethora of poker chips, he was in heaven. On another occasion I found a small tape recorder, it came in handy later as I was able to listen to recorded lectures as we commuted, allowing me to take two courses at once.



The find that got me, was a bungee strap, with little thought I threw it in the trailer with Cy. Big road trouble was coming my way. That afternoon, midway up the hill, standing on my pedals to make the crest, my bike came to a sudden and complete stop. I'm falling over, trying desperately to get my feet out of my clips, which I somehow do, but just barely. My heart is racing not only from the climb, but also from the unexpected adrenaline rush, that is pulsing through me. While holding the bike and trailer from rolling back downhill with my son in the trailer, trying to figure out what happened, I notice a bungee cord wrapped around my freewheel. Cy is sheepishly looking at me with wonder in his eyes. Cy had remembered that bungee cord and put it to good use by stretching it and shooting it into my freewheel. As I removed my wheel from the bike to extract that tightly wound cord, I made a mental note not to put bungee cords in reach of my active inquisitive son.



Not long afterwards he got me again. Same hill, again standing on my pedals to crest, only this time it is pouring rain, it was deluge. Cy starts calling to me, Dad, me what, Dad, me what Cy, Dad! Now knowing I won't get an answer, I reluctantly stopped, and braced my weight against my bike to keep from rolling backwards. I ask again what Cy; he tells me it is dripping on him. I must admit I looked at him with incredulity in my eyes. He is sitting in a covered trailer with a clear plastic windshield and I'm standing in the pouring rain. I answered in strained calm voice, Cy, its dripping on you but it is pouring on me. I clipped back in and with great effort got us moving again up and over the hill.

Unfortunately, it was not always bliss and fun on our ride, we also witnessed death and destruction, humans and animals do not fare well when coming in contact with fast moving inanimate objects, enough said. Those bike rides forged a strong bond between Cy and I, in fact I recently found a great deal on craigs-list and the little boy in me bought him a mountain bike, love is something you share.

Over the years, whenever possible I commuted to work on my bicycle and rode many centuries (100-mile rides). In my last job before I retired, I commuted to Sportsman's in Puyallup from my home in Buckley a round trip of 26 miles. I bought a Surly, Long-Distance Trucker, my dream was to ride across the US or down the pacific coast. The dream faded and my commute changed when they made me a manager, opening and closing shifts, made bike commuting impractical, so I borrowed my son's motorcycle and stayed on two wheels during the summer months.

I'm currently rebuilding the bike that Cy and I commuted on, it is or will be, a fully functional sentimental keep sake. It's been stripped it down to its frame and soon I will remove its chipped and scratched paint. All the parts have been cleaned and polished, once it is painted, I will replace the headset and pedals make a few upgrades and reassemble it. My plan is to convert it to a gravel bike, we will see. Yes, technology has passed it by, newer bicycles are lighter (carbon frames), more aero in design, faster, with disc brakes and electronic shifting. While really nice their cost is way beyond my means, even if I could afford one, I believe I would stay with my old steel frame. I have come to love simple elegance. I can repair or replace worn parts at an economical price point and its safety bicycle design, is over one-hundred-fifty years old and still going strong, hopefully it will be usable long after I'm gone.

I no longer need the newest nor the complex. Give me a rod, reel, line, tippet, forceps and few flies and I'm a happy man. Kites, came from paper and sticks, today they are light nylon and carbon frames, but for a few dollars and string I can dance with the wind. A bike with gears allows me to climb mountains, feel the wind and have a 360-degree auditory experience and the freedom of an open road.

In a world of over wrought complexity, many of us, seek simplicity. While that path, has become the path less chosen, it is the path I follow. The human capacity for complicating any activity we involve ourselves in, boggles the mind.

A walk just requires a good pair of shoes, and a look out the window to determine the weather. A nine-foot rod made of bamboo or carbon powered by a human arm can deliver a feather weight fly, gentle as a falling leaf within sipping distance of a feeding fish. Small sticks, paper and string can take you to the heavens where you can dance amongst the clouds. Clean and simple, technological elegance is what I look for in today's world.

If you have a dusty bike sitting in your garage or shed, now is the perfect time to dust it off, spruce it up, and go for a ride. The child inside you will smile.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com



The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.

“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

“Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after” - Henry David Thoreau

~ In The Past ~

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers
'The Fly Line' -
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January of 1979

Merle Herrett - Temporary Editor



This *~ In The Past ~* article was published in 1978. The information it contains is 43 years out of date and is not accurate.

This is a historical document only.

Program: Jim Teeny will bring us two films: One on fishing the Dechutes River for Steelhead and another on Henry's Lake in Idaho.

Door Prizes: Space Pen - It writes underatwer, on wet paper, upside down, almost anywhere!
Leather streamer fly holder

Trustees Report: The club neglected to elect a trustee for 1979. Pat trotter has been nominated by the board. A vote will be taken of the membership on January 15, 1979.

We are needing a program chairman. Please step forward. We would like to see a committee take on the task.

Also, we need a fishout chairman and a new editor.

Inflation hits again! Cash flow problems exist in the treasury. Dinners will be \$5.00 effective January 15.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dues: Dues are here again! We are going from January through December now. It will be \$5.00 for the present members (because you are actually paid up through March) and \$7.00 for new members.

Workshop: There will be a workshop at the Bellevue Thunderbird Inn on "Entomology and the Artificial Fly". The objective is to teach insect recognition, basis insect behavior and the rational for selecting or developing effective imitations.

Rod Building Class: Puget Sound Fly Fishing club is sponsoring a rod building class. For information call Gene Rivers. The class starts January 10th but don't feel bashful about picking it up on the second session.

Kaufman's Orvis Shop: In December Kaufman's Orvis shop opened in Bellevue. They carry the full line of Orvis fine quality fishing tackle, hunting equipment, clothes and gift items. Stop in and meet some qualified fly tackle people.

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March 10 & 11 2023



NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

@nwflytyingexpo

The NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is a fly tying & fly fishing expo for new and experienced fly fishers. The has many options for all anglers from attending classes. At the Expo you will have the opportunity to:

- View 72 Fly Tyer Stations
- Explore 50 Exhibitors
- Observe Casting Demonstrations
- Choose from 90 Classes on tying, casting, & fishing
- Participate in Raffles & Silent Auctions daily
- Attend the Banquet & Auction

Plan on attending the Fly Tyer Expo in Albany

The Oregon Council FFI along with several Oregon fly clubs puts on this great event every year, but naturally they had to cancel for several years due to the Covid restrictions.

I have been attending this event for decades and always enjoy being there, visiting with many friends from around the country, bidding on silent auction items, hitting the raffle tables and bidding on some live auction items as well.

I will be working the FFI membership booth. Swing by and say hi if you come on down to Albany.



Future Meetings September 27

See you on:

September 27 / October 25 / November 22 / December 20



Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile)

Reward programs are everywhere these days. From the grocery to airlines everybody is rewarding a purchase by giving you credit for future purchases or contributing to a cause. Now the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International is one of the groups you can help when you purchase goods through Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Sign in with the Amazon.com credentials you ordinarily use to shop at Amazon.

Search the list of charities and select **Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA**. Make sure it says Seattle!

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) on your computer to make it easy to return to the charity site.

Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.

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President's Club

The President's Club at Fly Fishers International represents the highest level of financial commitment to the organization and comes with exclusive benefits and opportunities as a way of thanking donors for this level of generosity. Over the course of FFI's history, the President's Club has been instrumental in our ability to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Members of the exclusive giving circle can support any program or project at FFI that most inspires them, and at a level that recognizes their level of giving, including Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze. The program allows for a pledge to be satisfied with yearly or monthly payment plans.

QUESTIONS? Email: operations@flyfishersinternational.org or phone: 406-222-9369 ext 4

Check out the FFI Donate page on line: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Donate/Presidents-Club>

The categories and their associated benefits are as follows:

BRONZE \$5,000 / Payable at \$500/ year or \$43/month

Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, and FFI hat

SILVER \$10,000 / Payable at \$1,000/ year or \$85/month

Benefits Include:

- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI T-shirt
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing

GOLD \$15,000 / Payable at \$1,500/ year or \$125/month

Benefits Include:

- FFI Life Membership
- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
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- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.

PLATINUM \$25,000 / Payable at \$2,500/ year or \$225/month

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- FFI Life Membership
- Quarterly virtual President's Club meeting with exclusive special guest
- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI embroidered shirt, and an FFI Yeti mug
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.
- Unique, customized FFI Special edition fly rod when member reaches the \$100,000 level

Editors Note:

I am a proud member of Fly Fishers International and have been for over two decades. I really believe in what the FFI is doing and their goals. We are truly an "All Fish, All Waters" organization with strong beliefs in conservation and education. I belong to the President's Club as well as the Thousand Stewards program. I would really like it if you, the reader, would join me in helping to support Fly Fishers International.

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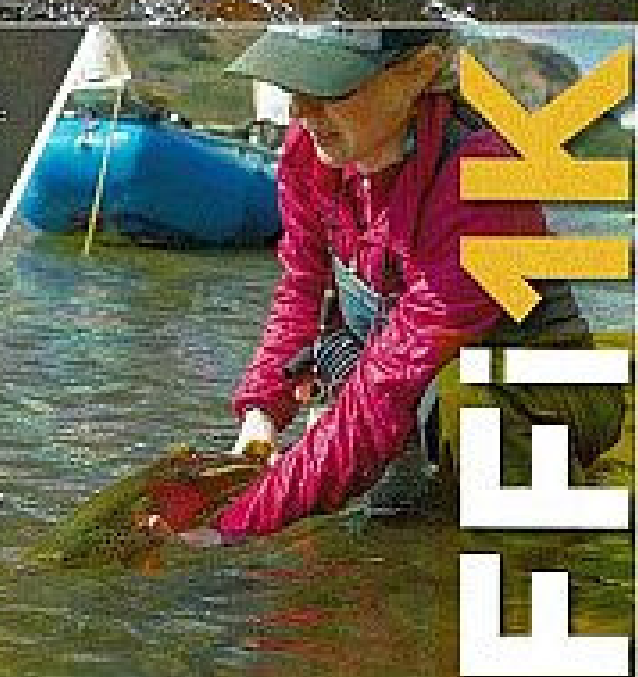
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- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
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Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

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- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
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Join the FFI1K Now

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FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

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WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
- **INSPIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSERVATION ETHICS** in people of all ages.

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- A chance to help make a positive impact on the sport

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"Happy we who can bask in this warm September sun, which illumines all creatures, as well when they rest as when they toil, not without a feeling of gratitude; whose life is as blameless, how blameworthy soever it may be, on the Lord's Mona-day as on his Suna-day." - Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862

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"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October." - Nathaniel Hawthorne

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